

REMARKS

The Title, Abstract and claim 2 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. The Specification has been amended to employ more idiomatic English and to correct clerical errors. The claims have been amended to better conform to U.S. practice. Additionally, claim 1 has been amended to better clarify the invention and better distinguish the invention from prior art. New claims 14 and 15 have been added to further scope the invention, and find support at page 5 line 21 and page 6 line 20 of the Specification. No new matter has been entered.

The art rejections are respectfully traversed. Claim 1, as amended, requires, in part, "providing a template formed of a high-concentration impurity semiconductor base... and transferring said conductive layer from the template to an electrode pad." Neither the APA nor the applied art teaches or suggests the importance of providing a template formed of a high-concentration impurity semiconductor base or the advantages thereof in terms of reduced processing costs and higher yield as discussed, for example, on pages 7, 8, 9, 12 and 13 of Applicants' Specification. In fact, there is no teaching or suggestion of any kind in the APA or Takushima of the makeup of the substrate, while Suzuki et al. teaches the use of a stainless steel base. Thus, claim 1 cannot be said to be taught or suggested by the APA taken alone or in combination with Takushima or taken alone or in combination with Suzuki et al. Claims 2-13 and new claims 14 and 15 all depend directly or indirectly on claim 1 and are allowable for the same reasons above adduced relative to claim 1, as well as for their own additional limitations.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

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